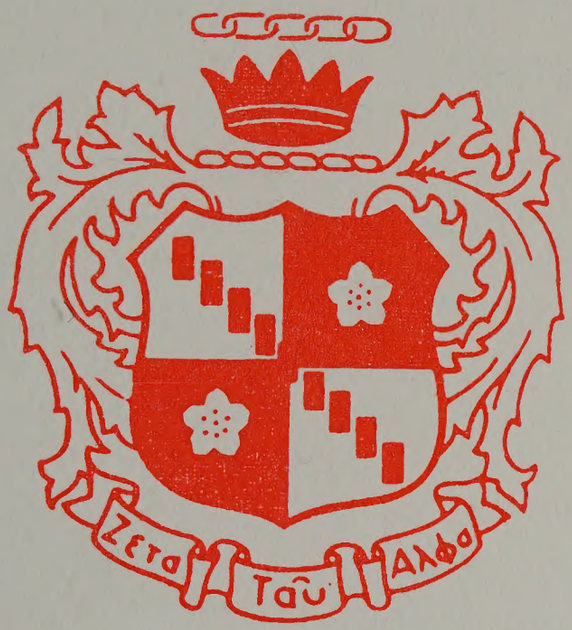

PANHELLENIC HANDBOOK

CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA 1977 - 1978

Centenary College of Louisiana

Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Rushees:

As President of the Panhellenic Council, I would like to welcome you to Centenary College. Our college has much to offer a student, not just in academics, but in other areas as well.

What I'm talking about is the Greek system here at Centenary. Many new students may wonder what purpose there is in being a member of a Greek organization. The advantages are endless, not the least of which are involvement in service to campus and community, maintenance of academic excellence, and participation in various social activities. This booklet is to further familiarize you with the women's fraternities on this campus which were indeed founded in these precepts of development of the individual.

I would like to extend my personal invitation to you to participate in Fall Rush, where you will be able to witness these things yourself and get to know the Greek women of Centenary College. I assure you it will be one of the most memorable experiences of your days at Centenary College.

Sincerely yours,
Cathy Lensing, President
Centenary College
Panhellenic Council

Dear Rushees:

Welcome to Centenary College and Rush! We are pleased that you chose Centenary and we believe you will find it to be a choice for which you will be grateful and your life will be enriched.

It is a pleasure to have you participate in Rush. This is an experience which provides an opportunity for you to meet the women who comprise the Greek system at Centenary and to learn about the sororities. Sororities offer an opportunity for extended service, friendships, and social activities.

Best wishes for an enjoyable Rush and a rewarding stay at Centenary!

Sincerely,
Dorothy B. Gwin
Panhellenic Adviser

What is Rush?

At the beginning of each school year, the women's fraternities have a period called "formal rush". The dates and the schedule are listed on Page 8 of this booklet. It is a period when the groups entertain girls who are eligible to pledge as they can become acquainted with them. During this period each fraternity is bound by its sense of honor and fair play to give each rushee a chance to make up her own mind. Likewise, each rushee is under obligation to observe the spirit of rush in order to make the right decision.

The Panhellenic Council does not wish to interrupt the normal course of longstanding friendships or family relationships, and we encourage you to participate in activities of this nature. However, to insure all fairness to all, be careful to abide by these rules at all possible times.

Formal Rush

Formal rush is defined as a period when the sororities entertain girls who are eligible so they can become acquainted with them. To be eligible for formal rush it is necessary for all students to have an **overall "C" average**. This average is released by the college. Transcripts must be on file and approved by the Admissions Office before the girl can attend Panhellenic Orientation. Girls who are regular attendants at Centenary (including summer school) must have maintained a 2.0 average for that semester and must not be on probation.

During formal rush the following rules shall be in effect. **Violation of these rules may result in the rushee being dropped from formal rush.**

1. General silence shall be defined as a period set by Panhellenic during which no communication, oral or written, is allowed between sorority members and rushees. During formal rush, silence is in effect, except during parties. This does not mean you cannot say hello, just no conversations. General silence begins at the time the dormitories open and continues until after the bids are issued. No rushee may receive communication including phone calls or written correspondence from any sorority member or alumnae with the exception of immediate family. This does not prevent

the exchange of greetings on campus, nor does it include the official college organizations such as Maroon Jackets, the Dormitory Councils, Centenary College Choir rehearsals, Panhellenic Council, Resident Advisors, and Panhellenic Rush Counselors. No rushee is to discuss rush with her family, friends, or other rushees during the period of formal rush, with the exception of parents.

2. If a girl withdraws from rush, the Panhellenic Council asks that she refrain from discussing sororities with rushees.

3. Potential rushees will neither associate with nor contact by phone or otherwise, any person during the period of formal rush, concerning Greek life. Boys are asked to abide by this rule also. If this rule is violated, the rushee is subject to being dropped from rush at any time by the Panhellenic Council.

4. All rushees must attend the Panhellenic Orientation and must pay $5.00 registration fee at that time. No individual rushing is allowed.

5. All rushees must pick up invitations to the Invitational and Preference Parties at the time shown in the schedule of the Panhellenic Handbook.

6. All rushees must attend at the designated time all parties to which they are invited.

7. Any rushee leaving a party early is to be automatically taken off the Panhellenic Rush List. Each rushee must leave the women's fraternity houses and grounds at the designated time on the Panhellenic Party Schedule.

8. Only napkins and name tags may be taken from the sorority houses. (This means no candles, flowers, or favors).

9. Rushees may not have or attend any type of party during rush either in the dormitory or in Shreveport homes.

10. All rush parties must be held on the campus in the lodges during formal rush.

11. Refreshments at Open House are limited to beverages.

12. No transportation may be provided by women's fraternities to any rush party or during formal rush.

13. Fraternity women are not allowed to arrange for social engagements with men for the rushee.

14. All oral bidding or promising of invitations and bids either directly or indirectly by suggestions (including boys) is prohbited during formal rush. Oral bidding is defined as any inference that there is a bid waiting for the rushee.

IT'S GREEK TO ME!

Definitions to clarify sorority vocabulary

ACTIVE: A sorority woman who has been formally initiated by her chapter.

ALUMNA: An initiated sorority member who is either no longer in college, or has married.

BID: A formal invitation to pledge a sorority.

CHAPTER: A local group of the larger national organization. Many chapters also have Greek names: for example, the Theta Phi chapter of Gamma Gamma sorority.

FORMAL RUSH: A series of parties given by each sorority during a period designated by Panhellenic.

GREEK: A member of a sorority or fraternity, so-called because of the Greek letter names of these organizations.

LEGACY: A rushee whose mother or sister is an alumna or active member of a certain sorority. A sorority is not obligated to pledge its legacies, nor are legacies obligated to pledge the sorority to which they are legacies.

PANHELLENIC: A group made up of four representatives from each sorority which coordinates sorority activities, including rush.

PLEDGE: A student who has received and accepted an invitation to membership in a sorority and is working towards full membership, but has not been initiated.

PREFERENCE CARDS: Cards which the rushee marks at the end of formal rush, indicating the order of her preference for the sororities from which she will accept bids.

QUOTA: The number of pledges a sorority may have.

RUSH COUNSELOR: A sorority member who has disassociated herself from her chapter during rush to answer any questions a rushee may have about sorority membership.

RUSHEE: A girl who has registered for formal rush and is being invited to rush functions.

SILENCE: A period set by Panhellenic during which no communication, oral or written, is allowed between sorority members and rushees. During formal rush, silence is in effect, except during parties. This does not mean you cannot say hello, just no conversations.

ORAL BIDDING: Verbal promising of invitations or bids by direct or indirect suggestion by individuals or groups.

LIMITATION: The number of members and pledges a sorority may have.

CHI OMEGA

A group of friends is what Chi Omegas like best to consider themselves - friends with varying interests, intellects, and temperaments, yet bound together by a deep love and respect for each other and the fraternity.

Founded at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, April 5, 1895, Chi Omega has long been considered by "Greek-Watchers" as tops in the Fraternity World. While known nationally for the National Achievement Award given to recognize the outstanding achievement of women. Iota Gamma, the Centenary Chapter, is best know for keeping itself busy with houseparties, kidnaps, Pledge-Active suppers, Social and Civic projects, and as many other good times as they can possibly cram into their otherwise busy college days.

Chi Omegas are found anywhere you look in dear old Naryland - singing in the Choir, packing the box office at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, studying in the Library, meeting friends for a Coke in the SUB, doing volunteer work at local hospitals, playing intramural sports with more enthusiasm than finesse, legislating in the Student Senate, working complicated equations in the computer center, leading services in Brown Chapel, cheering the Gents on to victory. We do more numerous and varied activities than we can count, but you'll never mistake the Chi Omega. She's the gal with joy in her heart, a smile on her face and pride of the honor of wearing the Chi Omega "X" and "horseshoe".

Colors:	Cardinal and Straw	Pledge Fee:	$30.00
Flower:	White Carnation	Monthly Dues:	$17.50
Mascot:	Wise Ole Owl	Initiation Fee:	$87.50

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Beta Iota chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha welcomes you to Centenary. We are the largest Greek women's organization on campus and our installation here in 1927 makes us also the oldest women's fraternity here at Centenary. Zeta Tau Alpha International includes 178 collegiate and 335 alumnae chapters in both the United States and Canada.

Zetas are found in almost every facet of Centenary life, including the Dean's List, Student Government, Marron Jackets, Centenary Choir, and intramural sports. Throughout the year, we work with mentally retarded children (our national philanthropy), the Heart Fund drive, and Open Ear. We also make a memorial contribution to St. Judes Childrens Research Hospital annually.

Each year, Centenary Zetas pitch in to work on house Homecoming decorations, Las Vegas Night (enjoyed by the entire campus) and the Zeta Spring Formal. Our Birthday Banquet and Parent-Daughter Banquet are other events we look forward to in the spring.

Beta Iota chapter holds a wide variety of girls involved in many different things, yet, as Zeta sisters, we are united through Love, "the greatest of all things."

Colors:	Turquoise blue and steel gray	Pledge Fee:	$25.00
Flower:	White Violet	Initiation Fee:	$65.00
Mascot:	Raggedy Ann & Ladybug	Monthly dues:	$12.00

1977 RUSH WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, August 29	Panhellenic Double Dip	6:00- 7:30 p.m.	Smith Auditorium
Wednesday, August 31	Open Houses	7:30- 8:15 p.m. 8:30- 9:15 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Thursday, September 1	Pick up invitations for Invitational Parties	2:30- 3:30 p.m.	Smith Building
	Invitational Party	7:00- 9:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Friday, September 2	Invitational Party	7:00- 9:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
Saturday, September 3	Pick up invitations for Preference Parties	11:00-12:00 a.m.	Smith Building Auditorium
	Preference Parties	6:00- 7:30 p.m. 8:00- 9:30 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges
	Sign Preference Blanks	10:00-11:00 p.m.	Student Union Building Television Room
Sunday, September 4	Bids Issued	1:30 p.m.	Smith Building
	Pledging	5:00 p.m.	Women's Fraternity Lodges

WHAT TO WEAR

Panhellenic Double Dip - Nice Sportswear
Open Houses - School Dress
Invitational Parties - Nice Pantsuit or Pants outfit
Preference Parties - Church Dress
Pledging - White Dress and White Heels

THE INSIGNIA OF NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE

The shield is a protective influence for our entire membership.

A lamp denotes leadership, scholarship and enlightenment.

The laurel wreath signifies victory, or achievement of ideals.

While the sword piercing the wreath indicates willingness to fight for ideals, symbolizing, too, penalty of obligation; also bravery, achievement and discipline.

The mantling surrounding the shield is the protecting cloak that education gives us, and a protective influence of organization.

Thus there in the mantle is inscribed the name of the National Panhellenic Conference.